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PRESIDENT ORDERS OUT ENTIRE FIGHTING FORCE

Militia of All States, Numbering About 145,000 Troops Ordered to the Mexican Border. War Seems Unavoidable and Every Preparation is Being Made for Conflict With Mexico.

With the ordering of the militia of the states, seriousness of the Mexican situation is being realized. Not since the outbreak of the Spanish American war in 1898 has there been such feverish excitement in military circles in this country as at the present time. Whether we have war will now depend upon the attitude of Carranza when he receives the American note, which was dispatched this week. It contains strong language and advises Mr. Carranza that the American troops will not be withdrawn until the De Facto government is able to prevent lawless bandits from attacking our border towns and ranches. Thousands of recruits are enlisting daily in Chicago and other large cities and recruiting offices all over the country are open day and night.

Washington, June 18.—President Wilson late today issued an order calling out the militia of all the states for duty on the Mexican border. Secretary Baker issued a statement about 5:30 o'clock, after a lengthy conference with the president saying the immediate mobilization of all the national guard had been determined upon. This will bring out 145,000 men to reinforce General Funston's border forces.

Mr. Baker's statement said the call for the militia is wholly unrelated to General Pershing's expedition and contemplates no additional entry into Mexico except as may be necessary to pursue bandits who attempt outrages on American soil.

Washington, June 20.—With President Wilson's firm refusal to withdraw American troops from Mexico on its way to the de facto government, embodied in a note sternly arraignment the whole course of General Carranza in the situation which has brought the two countries to the verge of war, the administration continued to make its preparations to meet any emergency that may arise.

War or peace rests with General Carranza. The position of the United States is pointedly set forth in its review of the apparent inability of Carranza to prevent border raids and to keep the obligation he owes the world by the preservation of order in his dominions.

At the cabinet meeting the opinion prevailed that the chances were overwhelmingly in the direction of war. The one hope was that General Carranza would be impressed by the military preparations of the United States and make no further effort to have American troops withdrawn. There has been no indication, however, that Carranza's intentions are peaceful, and every move now is being planned in the belief that hostilities may begin at any moment.

The note serves notice that as long as the Carranza forces continue their present attitude, no arms or ammunition, or machinery for their manufacture

will be permitted to reach Mexico from the United States.

There will be rigid enforcement of the embargo.

Unless there is an actual declaration of war, the United States, under rules of international law, cannot undertake a blockade of Mexican ports to prevent shipments getting into Mexico. Mexico's main source of supplies has been the United States, and no fear is expressed that enough war material could be obtained from across the Atlantic.

J. L. Oliver Dead

J. L. Oliver, one of the pioneer citizens of Curry county, died suddenly at his home in Texico Monday at 11 o'clock. Only a short time before he had been seen on the streets and appeared in his usual good health. A sudden attack of indigestion caused him to summon a Clovis physician and he died soon after the doctor arrived. Burial was in the Texico cemetery. Mr. Oliver, having charge of the burial services, many members of the organization going over in autos. The deceased had been a member of the masonic lodge for many years. Practically the entire population of Texico attended the funeral services.

Hurt in Auto Accident

R. F. Holton and Ben Collins were painfully and perhaps seriously injured in an auto accident near Texico Sunday evening. A big touring car driven by Jerry Jones, of Mul-shoe, collided with a buggy in which the two were driving, throwing them to the ground with considerable force. The injured men, who bear the appearance of having been through a saw mill, state that Mr. Jones' car had no lights and that their vehicle was on the extreme right side of the road when the accident happened. To substantiate this statement, witnesses were taken to the scene the following day. Mr. Collins is able to be about but Mr. Holton has since been confined to his bed. The News learns that a damage suit is to be filed.

Crofts on Tour of East

D. N. Croft and wife have departed on an extensive eastern trip and expect to be gone six weeks or two months. They will visit in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, Tennessee, and many other points of interest as well as scenes of their earlier days.

Install New Chairs

White & Snelling this week installed a new outfit of barber chairs in their barber shop, the Sanitary. They believe in keeping pace with the times and having everything right up to the minute. The chairs are of the very latest design and 'will be a pleasure to sit or recline in them while having your barber work done.

THE FIGHT IS ON!

40 Americans Killed in First Battle With Mexicans. Latter Lose a General.

El Paso, June 21.—A detachment of American cavalry clashed with Carrancista forces at Carrizal, about ninety miles south of El Paso, early today, both sides suffering heavy casualties, according to unofficial reports received by Mexican military authorities in Juarez tonight.

According to the report which the Mexican authorities are investigating, forty Americans were killed by machine gun fire in a surprise attack. The Mexican casualties were said not to have been so heavy, but General Felix Gomez is named as being among the Mexican dead.

The American command is said to have been part of a scouting patrol from Guzman, returning to General Pershing's line of communication. Carrizal named as the place of the encounter, is about nine miles southwest of Villa Ahumada, the Mexican field base in northern Chihuahua.

Later General Francisco Gonzales, Mexican commander at Juarez, gave out a statement in which he announced officially that the Mexican command had taken seventeen American prisoners. He also said that General Gomez's death had been confirmed, but said he had no official reports as to the number of casualties on either side. The wounded, both American and Mexican, the exact number of whom is not known here, were taken to Villa Ahumada.

Battery A to El Paso

Battery A, the crack military company of Roswell, which has been at Columbus, N. M., since the middle of May, has been transferred to El Paso, the transfer being made the first of this week. The battery will be assigned to service under General George Bell, Jr. The organization was recently mustered into the United States service. Captain Charles De Bremond, a former officer in the Swiss army, is in command.

Moulton out on Bail

Homer L. Moulton, who has been confined in the county jail here for some time, and who has escaped twice during his confinement, has been released on bail. His mother has been here for some time working on the matter and finally succeeded in obtaining his temporary liberty in this manner. His case will probably come up at the September term of the district court.

New Auto Hearse

The Magic City Furniture and Undertaking Company, Monday received a handsome big 45 horse power Overland auto hearse which will be for free service. It was made especially to their order and is the very latest in design and finish. It was used for the first time in the Oliver funeral at Texico Tuesday.

Mesdames Norby and Pitts were up from Melrose Tuesday.

Roosevelt County Primaries

The Roosevelt County Democratic primaries were held Saturday, the following named candidates being nominated:

SENATOR	
R. G. Bryant	716
E. L. Mayo	630
REPRESENTATIVE	
S. W. Stroud	506
D. E. Evans	368
Coe Howard	445
COUNTY CLERK	
Seth A. Morrison	673
Guy P. Mitchell	495
S. B. Owens	204
TREASURER	
J. W. Ballew	702
J. A. Tinsley	422
SHERIFF	
E. B. Hawkins	331
B. R. Clayton	297
A. L. (Arch) Gregg	615
C. W. Terry	104

Sam J. Sunnett was nominated for County Superintendent of Schools, Cleve Compton for Probate Judge and Dr. J. S. Pierce, Ed Wall and Jno G. Tyson for County Commissioners.

Suit Filed

Suit has been filed in the district court here which seeks to disincorporate the village of Melrose. It appears that Melrose was incorporated last July and elected a full set of officers. Shortly thereafter the town council commenced passing ordinances which, some of the people thought seriously abridged their rights, and in fact, a genuine town row was in full force. Finally some of the citizens discovered what they believe to be flaws in the incorporation proceedings and suit was at once started to have them set aside. It is said that there is much objection to the town being incorporated, and should the present suit result in Melrose being disincorporated it is not likely that it will be again incorporated, at least at present.

Billie Nelson Here.

Billie Nelson, of the firm of J. E. Nelson & Sons, contractors, Chicago, Ill., came in the first of the week to remain some time. He will have charge of the improvements being made here by the Santa Fe, the contract for which has been awarded to the Nelsons. Considerable of the material for use in the improvements was unloaded this week and more will follow from time to time. The first work to be done will be the extension of the blacksmith shop, which will be enlarged to about three times its present size, and when completed this building will house the blacksmith shop and boiler shop, the latter now being located in the machine shop. The space thus vacated will be filled up with machinery, which will greatly increase the output of the Clovis shop. The apprentice school building is almost completed. This building is being constructed by the company's men and the contract was not let to outsiders. The enlarging of the depot will be taken in hand after the blacksmith and boiler shop has been finished.

W. A. Havener has moved his law office to the building recently occupied by the James Realty Company, opposite the Clovis National until his new office building is completed.

CLOVIS IS NOW ENTITLED TO CARRIER SERVICE

Receipts of Post Office is Sufficient to Entitle Us to Free Delivery. \$11,714 is Receipts for Last Year and This Year it Will Be Over \$13,000.

Postmaster A. B. Wagner has received advices from the post office department to the effect that Clovis is entitled to free delivery service and calls upon him for data. The following letter from Mr. Wagner and from the department explains the situation.

June 20th, 1916.

To the citizens of Clovis:

I have received from the Post Office Department at Washington a letter in regard to free delivery service at Clovis, a copy of which is hereto attached and printed below. Under the Rules of the Department we are entitled to this service and it is up to the people if they want it. I would suggest that the Chamber of Commerce take this matter up and in some way it be determined if the people of the City of Clovis wish to have city delivery service; and if so that we at once begin to make preparations for same and to meet the requirements of the Government. As to what these requirements are please see the Department's letter below. I have been at work on this matter for some time and we can now get free delivery if we want it and are willing to prepare for it. I would like to hear from everybody.

Very truly yours,
A. B. Wagner,
Postmaster.

June 13, 1916.

Postmaster,
Clovis New Mexico.

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, relating to the establishment of city delivery service at Clovis, you are informed that the law provides that letter carriers may be employed for the free delivery of mail at any city containing a population of not less than 10,000 within its corporate limits, according to the latest Federal or State census, or at any post office which produced a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year ended June 30th of not less than \$10,000.

In addition the Department has adopted the policy of requiring that at least eighty-five per cent of the prospective patrons shall provide private receptacles or slots in their doors for the receipt of mail, and that street lights, street signs, street crossings, house numbers and good continuous sidewalks shall be provided throughout the territory to be served prior to the establishment of city delivery service.

As the gross receipts of Clovis amounted to \$11,714 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, it is desired you advise this Bureau the area in Clovis that is provided with the public improvements requisite for city delivery; state whether the sections so provided are contiguous; and approximate the population of the territory in which these improvements are installed.

It is also desired that you forward a copy of the train schedules and indicate the hours of

arrival of the important mails. If possible, you should secure a map, without expense to the Department, and note thereon the sections provided with the requisite public improvements, the location of the post office, the business center and any unusual topographic conditions.

Daniel C. Roper,
First Assistant.

In Wheat Fields Near Claud

In company with Clyde C. Buckingham, the Houston Texas, agricultural magazine writer, the News man motored to Claud 14 miles north of Clovis, Monday, where wheat harvesting operations are in progress. We visited the fields of C. V. Kelly, Sam Pipkin, H. J. Stahl, Jones estate and Fred W. James. The most of Mr. Pipkin's wheat will make twenty bushels to the acre, he estimates, and the balance of the fields visited will yield from twelve to fifteen or eighteen bushels to the acre. Mr. Kelly also has a young orchard which is in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the drought. His three year old cherry trees are loaded with fruit which for flavor will rival that raised in the best fruit districts of the country. He has also made a success of raising alfalfa which he has found to be suitable for hog pasture.

Base Ball Batting

"We have met the enemy and we are theirs." This was not exactly Perry's message after the naval battle on lake Erie, but it was the message of the Clovis fan-outs after their engagement with the Roswell all star ball team Sunday afternoon at the North Park ball grounds. The score stood nine to one in favor of the visitors and it was not until the last inning that Clovis broke the "goose-egg" line up. While Clovis has one of the best teams it has had for many years, there is no disputing the fact that they were entirely outclassed. In fact you can take it from us that the Roswell aggregation has anything in New Mexico outclassed. The valley bunch have never before assembled such a team, which has won every game played this year. Their winning streak is not due to good luck but to first class ball playing. While the game was a one sided affair, it was the best played here this season. The attendance was small.

P. H. Ambrose Transferred

P. H. Ambrose, for the past three years an employee in the office of the storekeeper of the Santa Fe here, has been transferred to Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. Ambrose and himself departed for that point this week. Mr. Ambrose resided in Topeka before coming here, consequently will be glad to get back home again. They have a host of friends among the young people of this city who will read of their removal from our midst with a feeling of sincere regret.